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EPA is also ok with the flash grazing proposal as described in the Feb 1 memo.

Thanks,
Melissa

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Hello IRT members,

CDFW is okay with implementing flash grazing in 2022 as described in WRA's email of February 1, 2022.

Thank you,

Lisa

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Hello Petersen Ranch IRT,

Checking in on the status of our request to complete flash grazing weed management at Petersen Ranch this spring. Please let me know as soon as you can if we are authorized to initiate this effort - the weather this year is causing things to grow and bloom much, much earlier than normal and we really want to make sure we complete the grazing before the grass goes to seed.

Thank you so much for your help and attention to this!
Marlene

On Tue, Feb 1, 2022 at 12:41 PM Marlene Tyner-Valencourt <tyner-valencourt@wra-ca.com> wrote:

Hello Petersen Ranch IRT,

Following up on our discussion at the December 8, 2022 IRT meeting, we would like to request the IRT's authorization to complete flash grazing at the Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank in Spring 2022 as an adaptive management strategy to control non-native annual grasses. Flash grazing activities will be carried out consistent with the final guidance manual provided to the IRT on April 20, 2021 (attached for reference).

The focus of the 2022 flash grazing efforts will be those aquatic resources within the cattle exclusion areas of Area A and Area E. The attached Figures 1 and 2 show the pastures that will be subject to grazing. We anticipate beginning grazing activities in February 2022 and continuing into April. Forecasts seem to point to a warm and dry February and March and a wet April. Per the guidance manual, we will actively monitor the pastures throughout the spring for rain and saturated soils and pull cattle from pastures accordingly, balancing the goal of comprehensive control of grasses while being protective of sensitive aquatic resource habitats and water quality. We will submit a memo report of the year's flash grazing activities with the 2022 annual report, due to the IRT on November 15, 2022, that will include data on duration of grazing per pasture, head of cattle, pre- and post-grazing stubble height, and soil compaction.

Let me know if you have any questions, and please send your email authorization as soon as possible so we can get started - the grasses are already starting to emerge at some locations on the Bank and we want to hit them before they go to seed.

Thank you!
Marlene

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